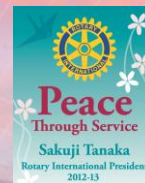


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## The Rotary Club of Calgary



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The Rotary Club of Calgary is an organization of professional and community leaders who come together through commitment and fellowship to create opportunities and a better future for generations to follow.



## Bernie Carriere: The Rotary Foundation

Bill Gillott introduced our guest speaker Bernie Carriere from the Lethbridge Club. Bernie started out in the Cable TV business in Kingston, Ontario, then making – as Bill was happy to point out - the misguided (to some) or inspired (to the Roughriders fans present) decision to move to Estevan in Saskatchewan, where he joined Rotary. Moving to the less remote Lethbridge he left the TV business to become a successful Financial Adviser, establishing himself as a pillar of the southern Alberta community. He has worked tirelessly – besides Rotary – for the Lethbridge Housing Authority, the Canadian Cancer Society, the Heart & Stroke Foundation and the Lethbridge Blood Services, among others.

Married to Susan (the inaccurate and unkind quip was “happily for twenty, not bad out of thirty-five”) and with three grown-up sons, Bernie was District Governor for 2007-8, and as current Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator has been to Africa to take part in a Polio National Immunization day. Through his Lethbridge Club, he has implemented projects in countries ranging from Russia to Fiji to Burkina Faso. He even finds some time to play hockey and golf, both well.

Bernie’s talk stressed the benefits of the three “F’s” – Fun, Fellowship and Fundraising, and he highlighted the message that a vibrant club attracts new members. He took us down memory lane to 1917, when Archibald C. Clump in Atlanta spearheaded the Rotary Districts and District Governor structure, which underpins so much of Rotary’s great work today. He reminded us of the great work of Rotary Zone 24 West, which amazingly covers the geography from western Ontario to Russia east of the Urals! The Clubs in Russia are keen to develop their reach and to reciprocate the great help they are receiving from Canada. District 5360 can be proud too that it is the #1 contributor per capita this year to the Capital Projects Fund. Bernie also told us how Rotary stands out in ratings among charities for trustworthiness. It meets all twenty standards for example set by the Better Business Bureau.

Above all he stressed the number 1 international goal of Rotary – to eradicate polio from its remaining strongholds in Nigeria, Afghanistan and Pakistan. The news is good with cases

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Brent Alexander thanks our speaker



Tim writes to "Dear Abby"



Lise and Barb present banner to visiting DG from Denmark



Ken presents Poppy fund cheque to Joey Bleviss

## TRF (cont'd)

down from around 1400 in 2010 to 650 in 2011 and less than 200 so far this year.

Bernie's talk and indeed the whole meeting was inspirational to those attending, and reminded us, if any needed reminding, just why we are Rotarians and what we can and have achieved.

## The Meeting

Basking in the afterglow of the Stamps' epic last-minute victory over the Saskatchewan Roughriders at McMahon Stadium two days before, and enjoying the milder weather following the second big snowstorm this fall, the Rotary Club of Calgary enthusiastically sang "O Canada" in a spirited rendition, led as ever by the inimitable Michael Pierson at the piano.

David Bromwich, ably standing in for the absent Doug MacDonald invited new member and Executive Director of the Calgary Library Foundation Paul McIntyre to deliver the Invocation, which stirred the audience in its brevity and its impact.

After acknowledgements to this and last weeks' sponsors, CREB (Alan Tennant) and Morguard (Randy Morrison), together with of course our ongoing and valued sponsor GeoLOGIC, we were further treated to a splendid singsong: "Dear Abby" by Tim Heaton with his guitar. Originally recorded by John Prine in the early 1970's, Tim, member of the Club since 1993, delightfully wove the success of the Stamps and the pain of the Roughriders into John Prine's earlier pearls of wisdom such as "Frustrated Songleader - You are what you are and you aren't what you ain't". Towards the conclusion it was hard to tell whether more were singing or more were laughing. Thank you Tim - it was terrific!

Barbara Young introduced our guests, from Anchorage, from Lethbridge, and notably Bent Michael Nielsen from District 1470 in Denmark, which of course is the home of our Exchange Student from Denmark Lise Lykke, who has already made such an excellent impact and impression upon our Club. She is a real credit to her country, and once again stepped up to the plate in presenting our club banner with Barb to Michael Nielsen.

This week's and last week's birthdays were celebrated by Bara Young including Rick Erven (November 4<sup>th</sup>), Farid Bedwany (now in Houston but still very much a member of our Club in absentia), Mark Stiles and Jim Kirker.

A busy start to the winter fundraising and social season was clearly signaled by a succession of speakers at the podium. Ken Moraes presented the cheque from last week's fundraising to Joey Bleviss, the Chief Administrative Officer of the Calgary Poppy Fund and Veterans Food Bank. We learned that we had raised enough for four additional wheelchairs, which is tremendous news. Kate Hughson updated us too on the Rotary Employment Partnership. The goal of the Partnership is to create employment opportunities for people with developmental disabilities. So far 200 such jobs have been created across the province of Alberta thanks to the support from Rotarians. Kate issued the call to action to join the Steering Committee which liaises between our clubs and the local Employment Partnership coordinator. Eleven have heeded the call so far to serve on the Committee, however more would be welcomed. Please contact Kate at 403 539 5869 or at khughson@aacl.org

Bruce Fenwick reminded us of the crucial importance of the work of the Foundations, talking about the Annual Program Fund (the "chequing" account) and the Permanent Fund (the "savings" account). The latter is now expected to reach the original target of \$75m by 2013, two years ahead of schedule. Bruce outlined the Rotary Foundation's key goal of securing Foundation support from Rotarians of at least \$100 per member per year, and the great work that Zone International 24's Major Gifts Officer Carolyn Seabrook-Ferguson is doing in promoting the concept of "investing" in these funds rather than securing mere "donations"; the returns on the investment of course are measured in human betterment. Rotary

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You are cordially invited to our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual fundraiser for World Community Service. There will be a silent auction, raffle and door prizes. Ticket price includes a pub meal and 2 bar drinks. Please join us for food, fellowship and fun!

**WCS Big International Event**

November 27, 2012  
**Donegal Irish Pub**  
 1637 - 37 St SW, Calgary  
 Starting at 5:30 P.M.

Admission: \$40.00

This event qualifies as a regular meeting of the Rotary Club for attendance



John Ridge invites YOU to the BIE!

[Click here for WCS BIE ticket order form](#)

## Meeting (cont'd)

International's President Sakuji Tanaka has been inspirational in lighting this path, having taken the cue from the devastation Japan experienced at the close of World War II to donate \$100,000 to support each of ten Peace Scholars.

Sarcee Club's Manon Mitchell ably brought the "Women in Rotary" event at Willow Park Golf & country Club on November 29<sup>th</sup> to our attention. Who would disagree that we all need to play our part in bringing more women into Rotary? Currently only 6% of 1.2 million Rotarians worldwide are women. Imagine what we could achieve if the split were equal – we'd double our membership and fundraising capacity (and who knows, perhaps we'd more than double our impact on society!). Manon asked us the question we all should have an answer for: what are we doing to get talented people – not least more women - to join Rotary and make a difference?

Other calls to action included more volunteers, especially for the buses, for the Rotary Club of Calgary's kick-off concert on November 25<sup>th</sup> at the Jack Singer Hall. Please email Doug Hamilton or Laurene Wilson. We are all also looking forward to the "Big International Event 2012" an RCC evening FUN, FELLOWSHIP AND FUNDRAISER for WCS projects in Cambodia and Uganda at Donegal's Pub (17<sup>th</sup> Ave. SW & Macleod Trail) on the evening of November 27<sup>th</sup>. 325 admission tickets (\$40 inclusive of pub entrée and two drinks) are on sale now. The BIE Raffle prize – tickets cost \$25 for three - is two round-trips to London, England on Air Canada; the Silent Auction will have more than 30 items this year and an "Early Bird Prize" draw will take place at lunch on Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> immediately following next week's speaker Deborah Yedlin. Next week sees the final "Big Push" on selling tickets, so don't miss out!

For those who want to make an even bigger difference, Madeleine King reminded us that the deadline is November 25<sup>th</sup> to sign up to join next year's Uganda tour, which in addition to the thrill of visiting the mountain gorillas is a not-to-miss opportunity to see the impact in action of our Club's TRACC program – Taking Rotary Assistance to Communities and Children. The project is focused upon counseling, mentoring and advising orphans living in child-headed homes.



Kate Hughson on Rotary Employment Partnership



Sarcee's Manon Mitchell on Rotary Women's Event



Laurene Wilson on Nov. 25 kick off concert – volunteers needed!



## Christmas Hampers

We are looking for people to help in a variety of roles for this year's Christmas Hamper effort. We will be delivering hampers to 60 families on December 15, so lots of work to do!

We require coordinators, shoppers, wrappers, elves to deliver and of course, donations. Details to follow in the coming weeks.

**Please contact:**

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## Christmas Wreath Fundraiser

In conjunction with CNIB, the Calgary Rotary West Club is conducting a Christmas Wreath Fundraiser happening. For \$40 including GST you can get a boxed and fresh Nova Scotia Balsam Fir Wreaths delivered for free to clients , family, friends and Rotarians. Help from other Clubs in the city is appreciated. Details to follow.



From now until the end of March, every dollar that you donate to Rotary's Polio Fund is matched by both the Canadian Government AND again by the Gates foundation.

That's three for one! (Up to \$1,000,000 => \$3,000,000).

Read all about it at the [CIDA site](#).

Donate now at the [Rotary site](#).

# Rotary Foundation Month - November 2012

## DID YOU KNOW?

- ❧ James LeSueur of Calgary has been selected to receive a 2013 Rotary Peace Fellowship (one of 50 worldwide) for study at Uppsala University in Sweden, one of the six universities in the world with Rotary Peace Centers for International studies in peace and conflict resolution. Our Club nominated Jamie for this program that is funded from the Permanent Fund of the Rotary Foundation (TRF), i.e. the endowment fund of TRF.
- ❧ The free-standing Children's hospice adjacent to the Alberta Children's hospital is not like an adult hospice; it helps families with terminal illnesses learn how to look after their child at home, enables a break from 24/7 home care and has day programs as well as hospice care. This Rotary-Flames Gift to the Community, with our share largely funded by Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation distributions (i.e. by prior donations by members to CRCF), provides positive quality of life to families in stressful times.
- ❧ The Rotary Club of Calgary's TRACC program (Taking Rotary Assistance to Communities and Children) helps AIDs orphans in Uganda; our impact is boosted through matching funds from the TRF Global Grants (from TRF's Annual Fund of club and individual member Paul Harris Fellowship donations).
- ❧ The Rotary Club of Calgary is listed in the Top 50 Rotary Clubs worldwide in per capita giving to the Rotary Foundation (the Club shows as 6th on the list). But that standing is due to annual distributions from the massive legacy gift by Ev Mayhood; our current member contributions actually lag behind other clubs in the city (primarily due to a lower percentage of members participating; those who do give have been great).
- ❧ The Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation has a similar profile; that is, we have a dominant share of the CRCF fund total due to the Ev Mayhood legacy. Perhaps collectively and individually we need to focus more on his example than his coat tails?
- ❧ Most Rotarians have ongoing donation recipients, all worthy; have you considered adding CRCF and TRF to your list of educational or religious institutions, NGOs, United Way and health research groups? Low admin costs mean big impact for your charitable investment in CRCF & TRF.

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[The Rotary Foundation donation form](#)

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“By donating to the Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation I help provide our club with a consistent, safe and predictable source of funding. With this longer range funding it allows our members to plan and commit to long term projects both locally and internationally, and all decisions rest solely with our club.”

*Bill Redmond*

“I am a repeat donor to both The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International and the Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation. I have also included bequests to each in my Will. Why? Because it feels good. Also, it doesn't hurt that for every \$100.00 which I donate I pay \$50.00 less in income tax, so my net donation cost is significantly reduced. I see legions of people, locally and internationally, dedicating themselves to helping others less fortunate than ourselves, but they can't do it without funding. My contributions to TRF and CRCF, however small, help build endowments which provide a stable, perpetual funding source for the ever changing, and expanding needs of local, regional and international communities.”

*Roy D. Boettger*

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## Upcoming Luncheons

- **Nov. 20** ..... “Canadian Energy at a Crossroads” - Deborah Yedlin
- **Nov. 27** ..... **Big International Event Fundraiser (Donegal Pub)**
- **Dec. 4** ..... **Peter Kujawinski, new U.S. Consul**
- **Dec. 11** ..... **Colin Brown, Executive Director AARC**
- **Dec. 18** ..... **Christmas Luncheon with Jeremy Tuff**

Many thanks to this week’s **COG** sponsor,  
**Alan Tennant**  
and the **Calgary Real Estate Board (CREB)**



The image shows the CREB Now logo and website information. The logo consists of a house icon in a green square, a lightbulb icon in an orange square, and a radio tower icon in a grey square, all connected by vertical lines. The text reads: **creb<sup>®</sup> now**, *real estate news from industry experts*, and [crebnow.com](http://crebnow.com). There are also icons for a speech bubble and a house.



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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime phone \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please send your completed form with contribution.**

**Mail: Calgary Rotary Clubs Foundation, 310, 105 – 12<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE, Calgary, AB. T2G 1A1**

**For more information contact your club representative.**